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SUBJECT: PORT SAID RECEIVES NEW COPTIC BISHOP

1. ON DECEMBER 18, LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND THE CONSULAR
CORPS WERE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ELEVATION OF THE NEW COPTIC
BISHOP OF PORT SAID, TADRUS.

2. THE NEW BISHOP, A 32 YEAR OLD INDUSTRIAL ENGINEER BY
TRAINING, LIVED APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES
WHERE HE WORKED AS A SAFETY ENGINEER FOR THE LOS ANGELES
BASED KEMPER INSURANCE COMPANY. ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO
BE THE FIRST MONK IN CALIFORNIA'S NEW COPTIC MONASTERY,
HE WAS ASKED BY POPE SHANUDA TO, INSTEAD, RETURN TO EGYPT
AND SERVE AS A PRIEST.

3. THE PORT SAID COPTIC COMMUNITY, WHOSE PERHAPS 50,000
MEMBERS ARE SERVED BY ONLY TWO CHURCHES, WAS UNTIL THE
DESIGNATION OF TADRUS A PART OF A LARGER BISHOPRIC CENTERED
IN ZAGAZIG. THE BISHOP HOPES TO BUILD AT LEAST ONE NEW
CHURCH IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IN PORT SAID'S ARAB QUARTER,
AND EVENTUALLY HE HOPES TO ESTABLISH A SMALL CHURCH IN
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KANTARA AT THE SOUTHERN LIMIT OF HIS DIOCESE.

4. THE ELEVATION SERVICE WAS WELL ATTENDED AND OCCASIONED
A NUMBER OF SPEECHES BY VARIOUS RELIGIOUS LEADERS, EACH
EMPHASIZING THE BROTHERHOOD THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE
SEVERAL RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED IN PORT SAID. THE
FINAL SPEECH OF THE EVENING, IN WHICH THE BISHOP EXPRESSED

HIS THANKS TO THE CONSULAR CORPS FOR ATTENDING, INCLUDED
A LENGTHY SALUTE TO THE UNITED STATES, ACKNOWLEDGING
THE BISHOP'S RESIDENCE IN CALIFORNIA AND HIS LOVE FOR THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

5. ACCORDING TO THE BISHOP, HE MAY ACCOMPANY POPE SHANUDA
ON THE LATTER'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN APRIL/MAY OF
THIS YEAR. THE VISIT, TO OFFICIALLY CONSECRATE SEVERAL
NEW COPTIC CHURCHES, WILL TAKE THE POPE TO NEW YORK, BOSTON,
SAN FRANCISCO, AND LOS ANGELES, AS WELL AS TO WASHINGTON.
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